

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
KAZUMA SATO ET AL. ) : Examiner: Tan D. Nguyen  
Application. No.: 09/840,892 ) : Art Unit: 3689  
Filed: April 25, 2001 ) : Confirmation No.: 4478  
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR )  
COLLECTING USED OFFICE )  
SUPPLIES ) : November 24, 2009

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents identified on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a. Copies of the cited documents, of English translations of the documents, and of an Office Action citing the documents, which issued on October 26, 2009, in a divisional application of a Japanese counterpart of the present application, are attached.

Applicants certify that the cited documents were first cited in any foreign counterpart of this application within three months before the filing of the attached Form PTO/SB/08a. The amount of \$180.00 for consideration at this time is being paid concurrently; please charge any additional amount due, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner, and that an initialed copy of the attached Form PTO/SB/08a be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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